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Kukkarahalli Lake Rejuvenation

MUDA's DPR deal with INTACH bound by law: DC

Certain vested interests questioning Rs. 63.80 lakh DPR contract to create doubts among residents

Mysuru, June 26 (BCT)- Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra has clarified that the Mysuru Urban Development Authority's (MUDA) decision to assign the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the rejuvenation of Kukkarahalli Lake to New Delhi-based Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) in New Delhi is legal.

He emphasised that there has been no lapse on the part of the District Administration in awarding the contract. MUDA has commissioned the Principal Director of the Natural Heritage Division at INTACH to undertake the DPR, with a budget allocation of Rs. 63,80,000.

However, this decision has faced public scrutiny, with environmentalists voicing concerns over awarding the contract to INTACH. A complaint has been filed with the Lokayukta, alleging misuse of public funds and a financial loss of lakhs of rupees to MUDA, violating the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (KTPP) Act.

Dr. K.V. Rajendra, DC

A view of Kukkarahalli Lake.

In a media release late last evening, the DC stated that certain vested interests are questioning the contract and are creating doubts among the residents.

The DC clarified that to rejuvenate the Lakes in Mysuru city, MUDA has allocated Rs. 29 crore in its revised budget for 2022-23 and its estimated budget for 2023-24. At the MUDA meeting on Sept. 6, 2023, the issue of sewage water polluting water bodies was discussed.

It was decided to use the Lake Development Fee collected by MUDA to rejuvenate these water bodies, following the directives of the Task Force chaired by the DC. It was unanimously agreed to award the task of preparing the DPR to INTACH, a subsidiary of the Central Government, as INTACH had requested Rs. 60 lakh for the project. Additionally, a decision was made to utilise MUDA funds to finance the project, the DC stated in the media release.

(See DC on page 6)

NOTE: *Turn to Page-3 'Voice of the Reader' column for readers' opinion on Kukkarahalli Lake. Also turn to Page-6 for DPR on Lake by INTACH.—**Ed***

First in 48 years!

Om Birla wins election to become Lok Sabha Speaker

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulating Om Birla, who was elected as LS Speaker for the second term this morning as the Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi looks on.

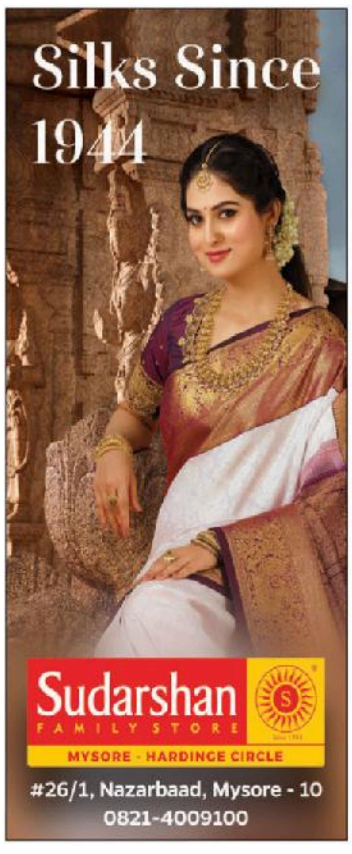
New Delhi, June 26 (Agencies)- Three-time MP Om Birla of BJP has returned as Speaker of 18th Lok Sabha after defeating Kodikunnil Suresh in the election to the post this morning.

Suresh is an eight-time Congress MP from Kerala's Mavelikara and the member who has won the most number of elections in the current Lok Sabha. The contest — a first in 48 years — came after the Opposition accused the ruling National Democratic Alliance of snubbing them by refusing to yield the Deputy Speaker's post.

The three previous instances where an election was held to elect the Speaker were in 1952: G.V. Mavalankar Vs Shankar Shantaram More, 1967: Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Vs Tenneti Viswanatham and 1976: B.R. Bhagat Vs Jagannathrao Joshi.

The motion to elect Om Birla to the chair was moved by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and was adopted by a voice vote with pro-tem Speaker announcing that Ayes have it.

(See SPEAKER on page 6)



STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 26th June 2024

'The Jewellery Show' in city from June 28 to 30

Mysuru, June 26- The Jewellery Show, an exclusive jewellery exhibition with reputed brands from across India, has been organised at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel on M.G. Road in Mysuru from June 28 to 30.

Jewellery is not only a favourite commodity among ladies but also a genuine means of investment. This Show is not only getting the best of 20 reputed and award-winning jewellers and designers from across India to showcase and sell their designs but also will be providing an educational platform to update people about the latest and future trends and designs for the upcoming main wedding and festival edition.

It will be once in a year opportunity for people in and around Mysuru to witness the best of the jewellery from artisans across different States of India.

The 3-day Jewellery Show, to be held from 10 am to 9 pm daily, will be inaugurated by film actor and Brand Ambassador for this 30th edition, Aradhana (daughter of actress Malashree), in the presence of Show Organisers Jagadeesh and Hemalatha Jagadeesh, on June 28 at 12.30 pm.

All the participating Jewellers will be displaying and selling only genuine BIS Hallmarked Gold Jewellery and also International Graded GIA & IGI Diamond Jewellery. The Jewellers will be educating people about the ways in which the jewellery has to be taken care of.

Actress Aradhana

Buyers can buy new gold jewellery by giving back their existing old gold jewellery. After sales service will also be extended to all the buyers.

The award-winning and handpicked jewellery designs has been manufactured and sourced for this Show since last 3 months, keeping in mind the taste of people in and around Mysuru. This would definitely be a one-stop-shop for all the prospective brides and bridegrooms.

Along with festival and wedding collections, Jewellers have also manufactured budget friendly daily ware collections for today's corporate women, say the Organisers.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MENTAL STABILITY VITAL: ***If there are a hundred reasons to be happy, a man can find a thousand to be unhappy, said Kidambi Narayanan in a discourse. But a jnani never loses his peace of mind. Sage Saunaka says Yudhishthira is a jnani. The reason for this, according to the sage, is that Yudhishthira's intellect is stronger than his mind. A person must have certain qualities to have a sharp intellect, says Saunaka. He must want to listen to words of wisdom, and he must actually listen to them. He must analyse what he hears. Whatever he grasps from this analysis must be retained and not forgotten. He must try to understand the meaning of things he did not know till then. He must comprehend the inner meaning and the import of any advice given by wise men. He must keep undesirable things and qualities away. If a man has these qualities, then he will be saved from the dangers that come from riches. Saunaka then recounts what Janaka had said. One can find a cure for diseases of the body. Mental unrest is more difficult to tackle. A person who is mentally disturbed can try yoga, that is uninterrupted meditation, for relief.***

A lot of unhappiness comes from self-pity. We think we are the only ones suffering in this world and that everyone else is happy. Our thoughts can affect our health too, and self-pity will ruin our health. Envy can affect mental health and bodily health. *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Speeding motorist repaints car to avoid fine

Paris: A French man is being accused of painting his Porsche sports car another colour to avoid hefty penalties after being caught speeding and failing to stop despite being signalled to do so by Police.

On June 2nd, French Police noticed a motorist driving at a speed of 188 km/h on a road limited to 80 km/h near Cournonsec, southwest of Montpellier. They notified a gendarmerie unit near the Poussan motorway to stop the offender, but it just flew past them with no intention of stopping. Surprised by the car's vehicle, the gendarmes were unable to chase down the offender or even get its license plate. However, they wrote down in their report that the car was a bright green Porsche 911 sports car, which made it relatively easy to identify. However, when the only person in the area known to drive a green Porsche turned up at the Police Station, officers were shocked to find that his sports car was now grey. After investigation, the Cops finally came to know that it the grey coloured car was actually the green one and painted grey colour later.

Man tricked into gender change?

New Delhi: Mujahid, a 20-year-old man from Sanjak Village in Uttar Pradesh, has become the talk of an entire country after claiming that a male rival tricked him into going to the Begrajpur Medical College in Mansoorpur where a team of doctors sedated him and performed a gender change operation on him without his consent. The victim said that a man named Omprakash deceived him into believing that he was suffering from serious illness and offered to take him to Mansoorpur to be treated. Mujahid claims that he was sedated and then operated by doctors. When he woke up the next day, he was told he was a woman and alleged that Omprakash told him that he would marry him.

HEALTH CAPSULE

UTIs are typically diagnosed through a combination of symptoms assessment, a physical examination, and laboratory tests on a urine sample. These tests can detect the presence of bacteria, white blood cells, and other indicators of infection.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynecology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

4-day 'Vaggeya Vaibhava' at Ganabharathi from June 27

Mysuru, June 26- Ganabharathi, in association with Mysore Sangeetha Sabhegala Okkuta, is celebrating 'Karnataka Vaggeya Vaibhava' from June 27 to 30, comprising 10 Vaggeyakararu (composers) of yesteryears, at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar.

June 27 - 6 pm: Compositions of Vid. Swaramurthy V.N. Rao by Vid. Manasa Nayana (vocal); **7.15 pm:** Compositions of Vid. Ralapally Anantha Krishna Sharma by Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra.

June 28 - 6 pm: Compositions of Vid. Prof. R. Visweswaran by Vid. N.R. Prashanth (vocal); **7.15 pm:** Compositions of Vid. Bellary Sheshagiri Achar by Vidu. Harshita.

June 29 - 6 pm: Compositions of Vid. C. Rangaiah by students of Vidu. Sukanya Prabhakar; **7.15 pm -** Compositions of Vid. Chikkaramarayaru by students of Vidu. Padma Gurudatta.

June 30 - 9 am: Compositions of Vid. Bidaram Krishnappa by students of Vid. S. Shankar; **10.40 am:** Compositions of Veena Padmanabharayaru by Vid. Srikantam Nagendra Shastry (vocal); **11.50 am:** Compositions of Vid. H. Yoganarasimham by Vid. Vivek Sadashivam (vocal); **1 pm:** Valedictory function - Dharanidevi Malagatti, Director, Dept. of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru, will be the chief guest.

For details, contact Ganabharathi Secretary Dr. Kripa Phadke on Mob: 94487-70741.

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KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **87.90 feet**	Today's level **2,266.27 feet**	Today's level **2,830.62 feet**
Last year's level **77.76 feet**	Last year's level **2,250.62 feet**	Last year's level **2,819.74 feet**
Yesterday's level **87.72 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,265.32 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.63 feet**
Today's Inflow **2,241 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **6,003 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **810 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **985 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Unlike other big cats, snow leopards can't roar. Snow leopards have a 'main' call described as a 'piercing yowl' that's so loud it can be heard over the roar of a river.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Rohan: *I know of an author who took five years to write a book.*
John: *That's nothing! I know of a person who took 20 years to complete a sentence.*
Rohan: *Really? Where?*
John: *In Jail !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.53
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.88
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.75
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.37

VOICE OF THE READER

Kukkarahalli Lake: There are common sense ways to save it

Sir,

Thanks for arousing the interest of the citizens of Mysuru in conserving the Kukkarahalli Lake. The conservation of the Lake has sparked discussions and raised several important points.

The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has hired INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage), a consulting firm from New Delhi, to assist with the conservation efforts.

The cost of this consulting service, amounting to Rs. 63.80 lakh, has led to questions about the prudent use of tax-payers' money. **Some argue that local expertise could have been tapped instead.**

The Lake spans approximately 200 acres and the University of Mysore (UoM) is the custodian of the Lake where the Forest Department has also a say.

MUDA's primary responsibility lies in providing house sites to the needy on a no-profit or no-loss basis, and its involvement in Lake conservation may be questionable. Many feel that MUDA should not have interfered in this.

Some self-proclaimed experts have propagated misinformation, claiming that the dead Poornaiah Canal serves as the primary water source for the Lake. **I live nearby and have not seen water flowing into the Lake from the Poornaiah Canal in the last 60 years.**

The Lake received water from several small creeks during rainy season, but unfortunately, these creeks are now choked up. **For example, there was one creek that ran from the side of the University Printing Press, another from Kalamandira and a third from the UoM Pavilion.**

The storm water drain from Paduvarahalli and Vontikoppal, contaminated with sewage, continues to adversely affect the Lake. Given the topographical characteristics, reviving the Lake appears unlikely without pumping Cauvery water from Vani Vilas water storage facility.

— Prof. B. Shivaraj (retd.)
Mysuru
24.6.2024

NOTE: *Question is what the local experts were doing in the past and who are they?*

May be the idea of opening up the choked creeks, enabling them to breathe and bring out the natural spring water seems practical and realistic.

Storm and sewage water flowing from Paduvarahalli should be diverted to prevent them from flowing into the Lake. Do not get obsessed with Poornaiah Canal. Think new.—**Ed**

INTACH is right agency for conservation of Kukkarahalli Lake

Sir,

I have been involved with the preservation and conservation of the ecology and environment of Kukkarahalli Lake, which is a heritage precinct (and also other Lakes in Mysuru), since about 2001, interacting with successive Deputy Commissioners (DCs), who are ex-Officio Chairman of the Lake Authority.

However, of late, for the past 3-4 years, I have not been able to take active role in the matter, due mainly to failing health.

Recently, I have come to know that the plan to restore and rehabilitate Kukkarahalli Lake was prepared by the agency named INTACH.

Although I have not been a member of INTACH or formally connected with INTACH in any manner, I have been aware of INTACH's country-wide good work and established competence in heritage and environmental conservation, from the days when (late) Krishna Vattam (senior journalist) was heading the Mysore Branch of INTACH.

I am sure that INTACH's recent restoration and rehabilitation plan for Kukkarahalli Lake was based upon INTACH expert members' detailed visits on the ground and will be viable for implementation.

I hope that in the interest of saving the precious heritage precinct of Kukkarahalli Lake for Mysuru and its inhabitants, the INTACH plan will be quickly implemented, overcoming all official and unofficial hurdles.

—Maj. Gen. S.G. Vombatkere (retd.)
Mysuru
25.6.2024

87th Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Mandya

Three-day event to be held from Dec. 20; Sugar Town becomes third-time host

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presiding over the preliminary meeting at his Home Office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru yesterday. Also seen are Mandya District in-charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy, Chief Minister's Political Secretaries Naseer Ahmed and K. Govindaraju and Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Mahesh Joshi.

Bengaluru, June 26 (MR & VNS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced yesterday that Mandya will host the 87th Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahitya Sammelana from Dec. 20 to Dec. 22. Addressing the media after a high-level preliminary meeting at his Home Office 'Krishna', Siddaramaiah explained that the event, originally scheduled for June, had to be postponed to December due to the Model Code of Conduct for the Lok Sabha Polls.

"A large number of Kannadigas from within the State, across India, and abroad are expected to participate in the three-day event," he said and assured that the State Government would provide all necessary support to the district administration and Kannada Sahitya Parishat to organise the mega event.

The CM also mentioned that the decision to finalise the President of the Sammelana would be made after the Kannada Sahitya Parishat submits a shortlist of littérateurs. He sought cooperation from various organisations, littérateurs and the public to ensure a successful event.

This will be the third time that Mandya, known as the sugar town, is hosting the event, having previously done so in 1974 and 1994. With the event scheduled during the Christmas vacation, authorities expect a large number of Kannadigas to visit Mandya.

Prominent attendees at the meeting included Agriculture and Mandya District In-charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy, Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Mahesh Joshi, MLAs P. Ravikumar and Ramesh Bandisiddegowda, Political Secretaries to CM K. Govindaraju and Naseer Ahmed, Department of Kannada and Culture Secretary Dr. Ajay Nagabhushan, Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara and other officials.

Dr. Mahesh Joshi to oversee Sammelana arrangements

Dr. Mahesh Joshi

Mandya, June 26 (MR & VNS)- The 87th edition of the Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahitya Sammelana will be held under the leadership of Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Mahesh Joshi. Following the demise of Mandya Zilla Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Ravikumar Chamalapura, it was decided that Dr. Joshi would oversee the arrangements.

In addition to his leadership role, Dr. Joshi will be part of the Reception Committee, which includes District Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara and Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Nagaraju.

It was also announced that the office-bearers appointed by Ravikumar Chamalapura will not be in charge of organising the Sammelana. Dr. Mahesh Joshi is expected to form the management and suggestion committees soon.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat former Presidents Prof. B. Jayaprakash Gowda, Dr. H.S. Muddegowda, Meera Shivalingaiah and others are expected to be part of these committees.

'Appoint a person from Mandya as Sammelana President'

Mandya, June 26 (MR&VNS)- As Mandya prepares to host the 87th edition of the Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, various organisations and scholars from the district have appealed to the State Government to appoint a local person as the President of Sammelana.

Among the names being considered are Kannada Sangha President and thinker Prof. B. Jayaprakash Gowda and writer Dr. Latha Rajashekar. Local organisations have urged authorities to consider either of these distinguished individuals to lead the mega literary event.

However, given Karnataka's rich heritage of Kannada scholars, the President doesn't need to be from the host district. The final decision will be made after discussions between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Mahesh Joshi and other stakeholders soon.

NEWS BRIEFS

Agriculture Office phone number

As the phone number (82779-33153) of the Office of Assistant Agriculture Director is not functioning due to technical issues, public can contact alternative number 82779-33162, according to a press release from the Assistant Agriculture Director.

CESC public grievances meet

The first quarterly public grievances meet of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be conducted at its Nanjangud Sub-Division-1 and 2 Offices on June 28 from 11 am to 1 pm. The members of the public are appealed to attend the same and get their grievances regarding electricity issues addressed.

Objections invited

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has published the list of 29 differently abled beneficiaries for free distribution of retrofitment scooters to them, which are funded from the Corporation's 5 percent grant meant for the disabled, at its Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road, for which it has invited objections from members of the public and specially abled persons. The objections, if any, must be filed at the MCC Office before June 27, according to a release issued by the MCC Additional Commissioner. The press release also said that the MCC had received 136 applications, out of which 29 applicants were selected as beneficiaries, while the applications of the rest of the differently abled persons will be considered in later stages.

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Beware, dengue cases on the rise in district

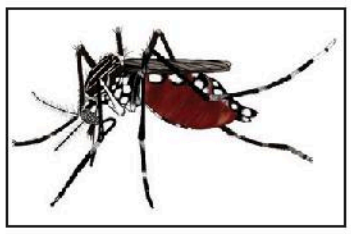
2,395 blood samples tested from Jan. till June; 358 persons test positive for dengue

Mysuru, June 26 (PM&KS)- If you have high fever along with headache, muscle, bone or joint pain, nausea, vomiting, pain behind the eyes, swollen glands and rashes on skin, do not neglect it and seek medical attention immediately as these are the symptoms of dengue, which are caused due to bite from Aedes Aegypti mosquito.

Though cases of dengue have increased in the State including Mysuru district, no serious cases have been reported.

In Mysuru district from January to June, 2024, as many as 2,395 blood samples were tested out of which 358 samples have been tested positive.

In Mysuru city, blood samples of 743 people were tested out of which 146 people tested positive for dengue. In Mysuru Rural, 272 people were tested and 47 were confirmed positive. T. Narasipur taluk: 106 samples tested out of which six samples tested positive. Nanjangud taluk: 173 samples tested out of which 18 samples tested positive. H.D. Kote taluk: 87 blood samples tested out of which 14 tested positive. Hunsur taluk: Out of 652 people, 72 tested positive. Periyapatna taluk: 201 tested out of which 29 tested positive.



K.R. Nagar taluk: Blood samples of 122 people were tested out of which 22 have tested positive for dengue.

Month-wise statistics

January: 391 samples tested, 39 test positive; February: 436 samples tested, 80 test positive; March: 321 samples tested, 55 test positive; April: 439 samples tested, 78 test positive; May: 640 samples tested, 89 test positive; June: 168 blood samples were tested out of which 17 samples tested positive.

There were 789 dengue cases detected in 2022 and 702 in 2023.

Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes breed in fresh water

Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes, which causes dengue breeds in fresh water stored in cement tanks, drums, earthen pots, discarded coconut shells, bottle caps among other such things.

Hence precautions should be taken to see that water does not remain stagnant and see that water tanks be cleaned regularly. Empty coconut shells and bottle caps should be discarded in a properly way so that water will not remain stagnant in it.

Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes are usually active in the morning and evening hours. Though there is no specific medicine or vaccine for dengue, the spread of the virus can be prevented by taking precautionary steps. Doctors are giving medicines based on the symptoms.

All have recovered: DHO

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that all 358 patients, who had tested positive for dengue in the district, have recovered in just two to three days.

Dr. Kumaraswamy

The DHO said that the Department has taken up all activities to prevent dengue infections and patient-wise follow up is taken up. So far, no serious cases have been reported and till June 23, no active cases were reported, he added.

Dr. Kumaraswamy further said that human beings are infected with dengue virus only through the bite of Aedes Aegypti mosquito and does not spread through other means. The virus does not spread from one infected person to another and the Department has taken all steps to control the spread of dengue by destroying the larvae of Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes.

ASHA workers and the Health Department staff are creating awareness among the public, he added.

Five beds reserved in all Government Hospitals

The DHO said that importance has been given to early detection and treatment and hence more tests are being conducted. Awareness is being created to those coming to hospitals with dengue symptoms and every Primary Health Centre (PHC) has the facility to test blood which is free of cost including the treatment, the DHO added.

"Five beds each in District Hospital and Taluk Hospitals has been reserved for providing treatment to those suffering from dengue," the DHO said.

Dengue: CM Siddaramaiah instructs officials to take preventive measures

Bengaluru, June 26 (VNS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has instructed the officials to initiate measures to reduce the number of dengue cases in the State. Presiding over the meeting with officials at Vidhana Soudha here yesterday, he said that a total of 5,374 cases with five deaths had been reported in the State till yesterday and added that the officials must ensure the fatality does not exceed 0.5 percent as per the guidelines issued by the Central Government.

Stating that the State had recorded 0.09 percent case fatality, lesser than the prescribed guidelines, CM Siddaramaiah expressed his concerns over the increase in the number of cases reported in Bengaluru, Chikkamagaluru, Mysuru, Haveri, Shivamogga, Chitradurga and Dakshina Kannada districts. "1,230 dengue cases have been reported in BBMP limit," he said and directed the concerned officials to ensure people diagnosed with dengue were provided with all necessary treatment and medicines at the Government hospitals.

CM Siddaramaiah chairing a meeting at Bengaluru yesterday.

He also instructed the officials to conduct door-to-door survey and to create awareness among the public with the help of ASHA workers, nursing students, NSS students and other volunteers to prevent spread of the disease.

CM also instructed Urban Local Bodies to take necessary measures to avoid accumulation of water. He appealed people to co-operate with officials to control the spread of dengue by destroying the larvae of Aedes aegypti, the mosquito, which not only spreads dengue but also the virus that cause chikungunya, zika fever and yellow fever.

Health Talk on Medicines and Clinical Cardiology for senior citizens

Mysuru, June 26- As part of monthly series of Health Talk, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has arranged an awareness talk for senior citizens on 'Medicine & Clinical Cardiology' at Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Elder Citizens Council premises, next to Sri Manjunatheswara Kalyana Mantapa, Hospital Road, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, on July 1 at 5 pm.

Dr. B.V. Rajagopal, Consultant in Medicine & Clinical Cardiology, Gopal Health & Heart Care and formerly Professor of Medicine, University of Mysore, will be deliver the talk.

Dr. H.M. Nagaraju, President of Elder Citizens Council, will preside over the event.

For details, contact Council Secretary K.S. Krishna on Mob: 99804-12406, according to a press release.

Sewage, industrial effluents contaminating River Cauvery

Dy.CM asks CNNL officials to examine complaints

Minister for Forests and Environment, Minister for Large and Medium Industries too seek report on pollution

Mysuru, June 26 (BLU&BCT)- In response to alarming reports of sewage and industrial effluents, including arsenic, zinc, chromium, lead, and nickel, contaminating the Cauvery River at Srirangapatna in Mandya district, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has directed officials from Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) to conduct an immediate spot inspection. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio, emphasised the urgency of addressing the health concerns arising from this pollution.

D.K. Shivakumar

Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara has recently written to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner, urging immediate action following numerous complaints from Srirangapatna residents. These residents have reported that industrial effluent-laden water is mixing with the Cauvery River, turning it black and emitting a foul odour.

The situation has forced residents of Srirangapatna to consume contaminated water. Alert locals highlighted the issue, leading authorities to temporarily halt the water supply. The visibly polluted Cauvery River, a crucial source of drinking water, presents black, foul-smelling water, indicating severe contamination.

In his directive to the Managing Director of CNNL, Shivakumar instructed officials to consult with local bodies of cities and towns along the river about the measures they have implemented to prevent water contamination. He has sought a comprehensive report on their inspection findings.

Simultaneously, Minister for Forests and Environment Eshwar Khandre has demanded a report from the relevant department officials within two weeks. He has directed the Principal Secretary of the Department of Forests and Environment to take the contamination complaint seriously and establish a committee of experts in coordination with other concerned departments. The committee is tasked with providing a detailed report within two weeks.

Additionally, Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil has instructed the Principal Secretary of the Department of Industries and Commerce to investigate complaints regarding the release of untreated industrial effluents and waste into the Cauvery River.

The coordinated efforts of multiple departments and officials aim to address the severe pollution of the Cauvery River and ensure the health and safety of residents who rely on this critical water source.

MLC Dinesh Gooligowda had recently urged the State Government to form a technical investigation team to prevent contaminated water from entering the Cauvery River.

He expressed serious concern over wastewater pollution and demanded immediate action. He proposed a committee of experts from the Environment, Industries, Irrigation, and Forest Departments to address the issue and submit a detailed report to the Government.

Emphasising the need for sustained efforts, he called for rigorous water testing and the prevention of sewage, industrial, and solid waste discharge into the river.

MUDA allotted 4,500 to 5,000 sites illegally under 50:50 ratio

Technical Committee report questions the integrity of MUDA's land allotment practices

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&BS)- In a clear case of fence eating the crop, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) officials have been accused of allotting about 4,500 to 5,000 sites under a 50:50 ratio to land losers, by blatantly circumventing the rules.

This controversy has brought shame to the City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), founded by the visionary Maharaja of Mysore, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, which later became MUDA.

The CITB was established to develop Mysuru in a planned manner, providing sites and housing facilities to eligible beneficiaries. Instead, it is now (MUDA) in the spotlight for the wrong reasons.

The large-scale irregularities were revealed in a report by a Technical Committee constituted by the Government to investigate a complaint submitted by P.S. Nataraj. The Committee, led by Additional Director of Planning T.V. Murali, included Executive Engineer of Mysuru District Urban Development Cell (DUDC) Narasu Kalantre, Town Planning Officer of Shivamogga City Corporation B.R. Kallinath and Joint Director (Town and Rural Planning) M.S. Shanthala.

Procedural lapses

The findings highlight significant procedural lapses and call into question the integrity of MUDA's land allotment practices.

According to the Committee's report, MUDA failed to seek approval for the blueprint of the plan, which includes earmarking 15 percent of the total land for parks and 10 percent for civic amenities. The report also noted the failure to account for land that had been denotified or dropped for other reasons.

Under the Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (KUDA) Act, MUDA must acquire lands outside the project area in compliance with the prescribed rules. However, these rules have been flouted. No prior permission was taken from the Government, yet development works were undertaken on lands adjacent to the project area, and sites were allotted based on a report submitted by MUDA's Technical Branch, according to the Technical Committee report.

Furthermore, after completing the allotment process for sites in residential layouts developed by MUDA several years ago, alternative sites were allotted to land losers based on a note citing a lack of information about the compensation awarded to them.

Sites allotted in prestigious layouts

Instead of allotting sites on land used for development, the sites were allotted in prestigious layouts to the land losers under a 50:50 ratio. Middle and stray/bit of land sites were also allotted as alternative sites, leading to suspicions of large-scale irregularities worth several crores of rupees.

It is alleged that despite having no legal provisions, a MUDA meeting held on Sept. 14, 2020, resolved to allot sites under the 50:50 ratio for lands used in site development without completing the land acquisition process or providing any compensation to the land owners. Consequently, MUDA allotted an estimated 4,500 to 5,000 sites worth several crores of rupees in prime residential layouts developed by it, including Vijayanagar, Dattagalli, J.P. Nagar and R.T. Nagar.

Several associations and organisations lodged complaints with the State Government, leading to a conflict between the MUDA Chairman and Commissioner. The Chairman issued a notice to the Commissioner for allotting sites and causing a substantial loss to the State exchequer.

SIT files FIR against Preetham Gowda

Preetham Gowda

Prajwal Revanna

Bengaluru, June 26 (KMS& BS)- The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing into the case of sex scandal allegedly involving former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, has filed a First Information Report (FIR) against former Hassan MLA and State BJP General Secretary Preetham Gowda.

He has been booked on charges of circulating the pen drive containing explicit videos of Prajwal, based on which a fourth case of sexual assault has been booked against the latter. Following the FIR, Preetham is apprehensive, with Police likely to arrest him in the high-profile case.

It may be mentioned that the SIT has already arrested Sharat and Kiran, close aides of Preetham, based on a complaint filed by the survivor of sexual assault. Meanwhile, SIT has got the custody of Prajwal till June 29, over another case of sexual assault.

Close aide complains of sex abuse by Suraj Revanna

Suraj Revanna

Shivakumar

Hassan, June 26 (BS)- Trouble is mounting for MLC Suraj Revanna, with his close aide complaining of sexual harassment against him. Shivakumar, the Treasurer of Suraj Brigade and a native of Holenarasipura resurfaced on Tuesday after mysteriously disappearing following Suraj's arrest. He filed a complaint against Suraj at Holenarasipura Police Station, alleging sexual abuse during COVID-19 pandemic 3 years ago.

Shivakumar is a co-accused in the unnatural offences case booked against Suraj, who is now in the custody of Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which ends on July 1. This followed a complaint lodged by a party worker, the survivor of sexual assault and a former colleague of Shivakumar in a private finance firm.

In his complaint, the survivor from Arkalgud, had accused Shivakumar of restraining him from going to hospital, for physical ailment he had to endure. Interestingly, it was Shivakumar who had complained of blackmail against his friend earlier, at the behest of Suraj. However, as Suraj was arrested by CEN Police in Hassan on Sunday, Shivakumar went into hiding and surfaced on a vernacular news channel.

INTACH submits database report based on primary assessment

Detailed Project Report to have an action plan on conservation, inlet channels and plan to save local flora and fauna

INTACH Principal Director Manu Bhatnagar addressing the gathering at the Stakeholder Workshop held on June 22 at Mysore School of Architecture in Dattagalli.

Mysuru, June 26 (BCT)- The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), tasked with preparing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the scientific conservation of Kukkarahalli Lake, a major biodiversity hotspot created in the 19th century and located in the heart of Mysuru, has submitted a database report to the District Administration.

The report is based on primary investigations such as including topographic and bathymetric surveys, hydrology, deep soil investigations, satellite imagery interpretation, biodiversity surveys and drone surveys, revealed INTACH Principal Director Manu Bhatnagar.

He was speaking at a Stakeholder Workshop held recently at the Mysore School of Architecture in city. The workshop, attended by over 45 participants including experts, ecologists and concerned citizens focused on addressing the Lake's issues and discussing the findings of INTACH's investigations. Manu Bhatnagar revealed that the Lake's storage capacity, when full, is 1.74 million cubic metres.

Issues such as encroachment, inadequate water supply, poor water quality due to sewage inflow and poor management practices are threatening the Lake's ecological balance. Additionally, bald patches with low tree cover, blockage of water supply from the defunct Dewan Poornaiah Canal and the stability of the embankment pose significant concerns.

Bhamy V. Shenoy, Founder-President of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), who attended the workshop, emphasised the need to remove encroachments along the Poornaiah Canal and divert sewage currently being discharged into the Lake.

He argued that clearing about 20 percent of the feeder canal, which is encroached upon, could significantly increase the Lake's water inflow. **He also suggested transferring the Lake's management from the University of Mysore, its current custodian, to the Forest Department.**

Dr. Yadupathi Putty, an engineer with expertise in waterbodies in Western Ghats, elaborated on the hydrological aspects under various rainfall scenarios. He demonstrated that the current catchment area is inadequate to fill the Lake and highlighted the need to tap other catchments through Poornaiah Canal to compensate for the deficit.

Conservationist and wetland expert U.N. Ravi Kumar focused on the potential recovery of at least 5.3 km of the Poornaiah Canal to feed surface runoff into the Lake. **He underscored that the remnants of the Canal could connect various Lakes along its route, creating an ecological corridor that provides habitats, groundwater recharge and natural beauty for citizens.**

Ecologist Saptha Girish presented scientific data gathered over the past 40 years, detailing the Lake's numerous species of fauna and flora, the threats to biodiversity and the need for effective conservation practices.

Conservation Biologist Dr. Mewa Singh highlighted the importance of scientific data in decision-making and how Kukkarahalli Lake serves as a natural laboratory for Mysore University students.

Dr. H.S. Champa, Professor and Dean of Mysore School of Architecture, provided an overview of an extensive study conducted by students and faculty on the six drainage districts of Mysuru and the depletion of green cover over the years. She proposed naturalising the storm-water network as an ecological and public space for citizens.

NOTE: *Readers of **Star of Mysore** may know the role played by **SOM** in the conservation of Kukkarahalli Lake since late 1979 when the Lake was nothing but a vast expanse of luxuriously growing water hyacinth with water visible only in the middle of the Lake and seen on the edges.*

*Under **SOM's** initiative in early 1980s, a 'Save Kukkarahalli Lake Committee' was set up with Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, english novelist R.K. Narayan, Prof. C.D. Narasimhaiah (CDN) and other senior citizens and intellectuals in it. Since then, Mysureans have heard much sound and fury from among the specialists and experts signifying nothing, delivering only ideas, not able to save the Lake.*

*Now we are witnessing one more attempt. It is unfortunate that we are unable to save the Lake despite the Lake being in a rain-fed geographical area and under a temperate climate.—**KBG***

MUDA's DPR deal with INTACH bound by law: DC

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"INTACH has been registered as a society and has been functioning since 1984 as a non-profit, non-commercial entity dedicated to safeguarding Indian culture. Furthermore, INTACH is governed by the Secretaries of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Urban Development, the Archaeological Survey of India, and the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities. The accounts of INTACH are also subject to scrutiny by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)," Dr. Rajendra clarified.

Empanelled by Ministry of Jal Shakti

INTACH has been empanelled by the Ministry of Jal Shakti and has been actively involved in preparing water resources projects, notably the National Mission for Clean Ganga, which covers a distance of 2,525 kilometres across 51 districts.

Dr. A. Ravindra, former Chief Secretary of the Government of Karnataka, heads INTACH Karnataka. Also, a noted historian from Mysuru, Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, is INTACH Convener.

"Assessing the capability and competence of INTACH, MUDA entered into a contract with them on Dec. 18, 2023, for the DPR preparation," the DC stated. "In addition to Kukkarahalli Lake, the task also involves mapping the 22-km Dewan Poornaiah Canal and Lingambudhi Lake. An invoice of Rs. 63,80,000 was received from INTACH. As INTACH is a non-profit organisation, an initial payment of Rs. 18,82,100, which is 25 percent of the total amount, was made to INTACH to commence the work. They conducted an aerial survey and submitted a report on the Kukkarahalli Lake database," the DC added.

Three major tasks without tenders

Considering INTACH's efficiency and competence, the Central Government has assigned them three major tasks without calling for tenders: The National Mission for Clean Ganga, conservation works of earthquake-affected monuments in Nepal, and a survey of Ramsar Sites in India. Following the same procedure, the Mysuru District Administration assigned the work order for the DPR preparation to revive Kukkarahalli Lake to INTACH, the DC said.

Furthermore, INTACH's accounts are subject to stringent audits by the CAG and the public finance operations are as per CAG's directives and are bound by general financial rules. Being a non-profit organisation, INTACH is deemed more trustworthy, the DC said.

"The INTACH report on the rejuvenation of Kukkarahalli Lake will not be confined to the Lake premises alone," he said. "The DPR will include comprehensive reports on the surrounding areas of the Lake, inlet channels, the pros and cons of silt excavation, gradient, outlets and the local flora and fauna. This information will be crucial for securing government grants or funds from private companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The credibility of organisation preparing the DPR is paramount when seeking funds," Dr. Rajendra emphasised.

Lok Sabha Speaker

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The first speech after Om Birla stepped into chair was made by the PM who told beaming speaker that it is an honour to have you in the chair for a second term.

The PM expressed hope that Om Birla's five years of experience as the Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha will help him steer the House in the right direction and lead it to newer heights.

PM Modi also complemented LS Speaker Om Birla today, saying that "his sweet smile keeps the entire House happy." Birla was elected as the Speaker for the second consecutive time.

The Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi too congratulated the Speaker.

He went on to say that it is "the voice of Opposition that is allowed to be represented in this House and the proceedings are conducted in a spirit of cooperation. The question is not how efficiently the House is run, but how well the voice of India is heard. This election has shown that the people of India want us to defend the Constitution of India. I would like to once again congratulate you, Speaker sir, and all the members of the House."

Rahul Gandhi was named as the LoP in Lok Sabha yesterday. Rahul, who represents Rai Bareily was chosen to head the Opposition party, at the meeting of floor leaders of I.N.D.I Alliance held at the residence of AICC President M. Mallikarjun Kharge.

In his speech, Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav said "You are like the Chief Justice. We hope there will be no bias in this House and the Opposition and ruling party will be treated as equals and with respect.

Kempegowda Jayanti in city tomorrow

Mysuru, June 26- District Administration and Department of Kannada and Culture have jointly organised Nadaprabhu Sri Kempegowda Jayanti at Kalamandira in city tomorrow at 10.30 am. Seer of Adichunchanagiri branch Mutt Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji will grace the occasion.

District in-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the function which will be presided by Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda.

Elected representatives including MPs, MLAs and MLCs will be present as chief guests.

Nalwadi Statue dome: MCC initiates repair works

The gilded metal sheet of Nalwadi statue dome which has fallen off. Picture right shows scaffoldings erected to take up the repair works this morning.

Mysuru, June 26 (MTY&BS)- Following a report in *Star of Mysore (SOM)* yesterday, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has initiated emergency repair works of the dome of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's statue at KR Circle in city.

SOM had published a report titled ***'Gilded Metal Sheet of Nalwadi Statue Dome Falls Off,'*** in its edition on June 25.

Waking up to the condition of the erstwhile Maharaja's statue, MCC has erected scaffoldings around a part of the structure, to take up the works on restoring the gilded metal sheet adorning the dome, that had broken and fallen. The works will be taken up when rain gives a break, it is said.

Development Officer of MCC Zone-6 Venkatesh said, "The works on repairing the metal sheet of the dome has been taken up on an emergency basis, albeit for a temporary period, without any tender. As the gilded metal sheet is fixed to the wooden frame, it has broken due to the occurrence of powdery mildew in the wood, due to moisture. In the coming days, last longing solution will be discussed and implemented after taking experts into confidence."

Srikanteshwara Temple records Rs. 1.69 crore hundi collection

Nanjangud, June 26 (VNS)- The famous Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud has recorded a hundi collection of Rs. 1.69 crore said Temple Executive Officer Jagadish Kumar.

The counting of all the 35 hundis was taken up at the temple premises yesterday during which Rs.1,69,70,000 cash, 134 grams of gold, 2.350 kg silver articles and 23 foreign currencies were found. Temple Executive Officer Jagadish Kumar, AEO Satish, Muzrai Tahsildar Vidyalatha, Venkatesh Prasad, Gurumallaiah, Bank Manger T.K. Nayak and others were present.

S.T. Javaregowda is new Mysuru DDPI

Javaregowda

Mysuru, June 26 (SPN&DM)- The State Government on Monday appointed S.T. Javaregowda as the new Mysuru DDPI (Deputy Director of Public Instruction) of the Department of School Education and Literacy.

Javaregowda, who was earlier serving as DDPI at Hassan, has been posted to Mysuru following a KAT (Karnataka Administrative Tribunal) order.

He will replace H.K. Pandu, who has been asked to report to the Government for next posting.

Maharani's College students stage protest over scholarship and admission fee issue

Mysuru, June 26 (SPN&DM) - Demanding the University of Mysore (UoM) authorities to address issues concerning scholarship and admission fees, students of the Post-Graduate section of Maharani's College of Arts for Women, under the banner of AIDSO (All India Democratic Students Organisation), staged a protest in front of Crawford Hall here on Monday.

Pointing out that there are confusions regarding admission fee for SC/ST students who are seeking admission to Post-Graduate courses at Maharani's Arts College for Women, the protestors alleged that they were enrolled after payment of Rs. 600 as admission fee. But now the College authorities are saying that the students have to pay Rs. 11,000 as fee for first year PG Course and Rs.19,498 for second year, which is a huge burden for them.

Noting that the Social Welfare Department has released only Rs. 2,000 scholarship for first year students and Rs. 4,000 for second year students, they argued that they cannot pay the college fees from this meagre sum.

Claiming that the second year students were not told to pay first, second and third semester fees, they alleged that now the College authorities, all of a sudden, are urging them to pay the fee.

However, the students are not asked to pay the fee through UUCMS (Unified University and College Management System) portal, which has raised doubts.

Maintaining that the payment of fee demand has come as a bolt from the blue and caused concern among the students, the protestors urged the authorities to give time for payment of fees.

Later, the students submitted a memorandum to the University Registrar V.R. Shylaja.

AIDSO Vice-President Nitin, office-bearers Swathi and Chandrakala and others were present.

Frank Duckworth passes away

Frank Duckworth

London, June 26 (Agencies)- Frank Duckworth, one half of the team, who pioneered the Duckworth-Lewis method for calculating target scores in limited-overs cricket matches abridged by bad weather, has died at the age of 84.

Along with his fellow statistician Tony Lewis, Duckworth devised the formula that was officially adopted by the International Cricket Council in 1999 and remains the means by which affected matches are decided.

The Royal Statistical Society (RSS) said in a statement: "Fellows will be sad to learn that Frank Duckworth passed away on 21 June 2024, at the age of 84.

"Frank will be remembered largely for his contributions to the Society as Editor of RSS News, and to cricket as the co-inventor of the Duckworth Lewis method," it said.

Obituary

Budangappana Krishnappa

Mysuru, June 26- Budangappana Krishnappa (65), Treasurer of Gramadevathe Chamundeshwari Temple and a resident of K.G. Koppal-Jayanagar, passed away yesterday morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife Kamalamma, sons Vinod and Somashekar and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this morning, according to family sources.

'High Style' lifestyle expo begins

A two-day lifestyle expo 'High Style' was inaugurated at Hotel Regenta Central Javaji in city this morning by former Corporator Bhagya Madesh and BJP leader Hemalatha Nandish. Dr. Hemamalini Lakshman, Prema Shankaregowda, Shobha Manjunath, Meena Devaraj, Rani Kumar and Organisers Smitha Balu and H.M. Ramya are seen with the guests. Artisans and vendors from various cities are exhibiting their products including exquisite silk sarees, designer clothing and home decor. The expo is open between 11 am and 8.30 pm today and tomorrow (June 26 and 27).

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State Conclave-2024 of CREDAI Karnataka held

MLA Tanveer Sait laments lack of basic amenities in Layouts

N.R. MLA Tanveer Sait** (third from left) **lighting the lamp to inaugurate the 2-day State Conclave-2024 of the Karnataka Chapter of CREDAI at a private resort in city on Monday as MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda, MLAs K. Harishgowda & T.S. Srivatsa, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, CREDAI office-bearers and others look on.

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&DM)- A two-day State Conclave-2024 of the Karnataka Chapter of CREDAI (Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India) was held at a private resort in the city outskirts on June 24 and 25.

NR MLA Tanveer Sait, who spoke after inaugurating the Conclave on Monday, said that though Layouts are being developed at a fast pace, they are lacking in civic amenities and basic infrastructure, which the Real Estate developers should look into on a priority.

He pointed out that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented a proposal on Premium Floor Area Ratio (FAR) in the Budget, which focuses on post-construction maintenance of buildings and on solving some of the problems faced by the occupants as well as the general public. The Plan of action for the premium FAR is being worked out and will be implemented soon, he added.

Pointing out that there is a Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) in Mysuru, Sait said that there is a need for a debate if such plans are required for a city.

"Humans are exploiting nature for their greed. Encroachment of forest and green spaces for money, fame and luxury is a prelude to natural disasters in future," he said adding that development should not create new problems.

Observing that most of the civic problems arise due to inadequate sources of water, improper underground drainage system and lack of vehicle parking space, the MLA opined that if these aspects are given importance and rules followed, then the occupants and also the people in the surrounding areas can live in peace.

KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, in his address, said that most of the occupants of flats and apartments end up paying double the stipulated tax to Civic Bodies as the builders violate the norms, attracting fine for diversions from the approved plan.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda, CREDAI National Joint Secretary Raja Srinivas & Vice-President Nagaraja Reddy, CREDAI Karnataka President Pradeep D. Raikar & President-Elect Bhaskar T. Nagendrappa, CREDAI Kerala Chairman Ravi Jacob, CREDAI Mysuru President D. Srihari, Chairman N.S. Muralidhara, Secretary L. Arun Pandit, Joint Secretary K.N. Ravi Shankar & EC Member B. Dhananjaya and others were present.

The Conclave, featuring discussions on real estate development, adoption of new technologies in construction, problems faced by the Industry and Solutions etc., concluded yesterday.

'Power production from Nuclear Energy is safest'

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre Officer delivers talk on 'Nuclear Power' at IEI Mysuru

Mysuru, June 26 (SPN&DM)- Mumbai-based Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) Officer (in-Charge) Dr. A. Chandrashekar said that the use of Nuclear Power will increase in sectors such as Energy, Health, Agriculture, Defence and Technology.

He was delivering a lecture on the topic 'Nuclear Power - Applications and Radiation Safety Factors' organised by the Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE) at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road here on Sunday.

Pointing out that the Government plans to provide 5,000 Units of electricity to every household by 2047, Dr. Chandrashekar observed that the use of conventional methods of power generation will not help in achieving this target.

Noting that sectors such as power generation, Industries, Medical, Food and Agriculture use Nuclear Energy and Radiation, he said that power supplies to these sectors will be all the more difficult through natural sources of energy. As such, priority must be given for using Nuclear Fuel in power generation, he opined.

Stating that there is a common perception in the public domain that use of Nuclear Power is unsafe, Dr. Chandrashekar said that though it is true to some extent, the dangers/ hazards from Nuclear Power is less. This can be seen from the statistics concerning explosion in Nuclear and Coal Plants, he added.

Noting that Radiation is widely used in treatment of Cancer, he said power production using Radiation rays is much easier than other conventional methods.

IEI Mysuru Centre Chairman Dr. R. Deepu, Secretary Dr. Mohan Krishna, ISHRAE office-bearers Aruni Srinivas, N. Nagabushan, Bhaskar and others were present during the lecture programme.

State Construction Workers Central Assn. Executive Committee Meeting held

Mysuru, June 26 (GA&DM)- Karnataka State Construction Workers Central Association President P. Raju said that the Government is mulling on introducing new plans for the welfare of labourers and workers after the completion of survey to identify fake labourers.

He was speaking at the Association's Executive Committee Meeting held at Jaladarshini Guest House here recently.

Pointing out that the Association had appealed Labour Minister Santosh Lad to take action against fake labourers, Raju said that he told the Minister that fakeness can be identified by getting the Aadhaar Card of all members of labourer/ worker families.

"The Minister has suspended giving financial support to children of eligible labourers due to the rampant menace of fake workers. The number of beneficiaries at the start was 25.30 lakh. But this figure has now suddenly crossed 50 lakh. The Association, after getting a new body, will meet the Chief Minister and the Labour Minister and apprise them of the problems of the working class," he said.

Appointment letters were issued to newly elected District Presidents of the Association.

Association State Working President Suvarnamma of Davanagere, Office Secretary Chandrashekar (Ashokapuram), District Presidents Nanjundaswamy (Mysuru), Kumarachari (Chamarajanagar), Lokesh Kumar (Hassan), Guruprasad (Tumakuru), Basavaraju (Davanagere), Anjaneya (Ballari), Shwetha (Shivamogga), Rajashekar Mangaluru (Bagalakote), Sagar (Vijayapura), Basappa Kuri (Gadag), Rakesh (Koppal), Chandrakala P. Patil (Kalaburagi), Manjunath (Dharwad), Santhosh Shirageri (Bidar) and Jyothi Manjunath (Haveri), Taluk Presidents Shivappa (Shiraguppa), Murthy (Karagodu) and Anjineya Dayananda (Kampli), Mysuru District Gen. Secretary Somanna and Suresh were present.

'Exports help in increasing country's income along with foreign exchange'

Mysuru, June 26 (VNS)- Exports will increase the country's income along with foreign exchange and will also boost the industrial sector, said District Industries Centre (DIC) Joint Director T. Dinesh, here on Monday.

Presiding over the Export Management Training Programme, jointly organised by Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC) and DIC, at The President Hotel, Dinesh said that entrepreneurs should have the desire to learn about new things every day.

"The country has exported goods worth 778 million dollars and has imported goods worth 860 million dollars. Karnataka which is ranked 4th in the country in terms of exporting goods should reach top in the days to come," he added.

Stating that the Government of India had set up Export Promotion Centre in every district, Dinesh said that there were many opportunities for setting up industries in Mysuru and added that it was important to increase the exports by 5 percent every year.

VTPC Joint Director C.S. Babu Nagesh called upon the young entrepreneurs to make use of the six-day workshop which would help in increasing the exports and also economic returns of the industries and added that the workshop would also guide the entrepreneurs to increase the production.

Mysore Industries Association Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain said that the construction of the building for Export Centre in Mysuru had already begun. "The goods exported from Mysuru must reach its destination safely without damages. Small Scale Industries contribute about 45 percent to the exports. We also have the currency note printing facility in Mysuru which has provided opportunities for setting up industries. Mysuru will witness the production of semi-conductors," he said.

Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) President K.B. Lingaraju said that the goods being exported should be free from chemicals and must be of good quality. "About 165 entrepreneurs in Mysuru are involved in export industry. There is a need to increase the number of exporters," he added.

Export Information Centre Deputy Director Meghala and other industrialists were present.

Ashwini Nachappa inaugurates 25th VTU Inter-College State-level Athletic Meet

Former International athlete and Arjuna Awardee Ashwini Nachappa (third from right) seen handing over the sports torch to one of the athletes during the inauguration of the four-day 25th VTU Inter-Collegiate State-level Athletic Meet 2023-24 organised by Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Regional Centre, Mysuru, at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city this morning. Also seen are (from left) VTU Executive Council Member Dr. M.S. Shivakumar, Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Executive Council Members Dr. Krishnegowda and Dr. Dilip Kumar. Picture right shows athletes assembled at the venue during the inaugural ceremony.

Athletes from 128 colleges take part in the four-day event

Mysuru, June 26- In the recent past, sportspersons have been achieving great heights with initiatives such as Khelo India among others being introduced in the country, said former International athlete and Arjuna Awardee Ashwini Nachappa, here this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the four-day 25th Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Inter-Collegiate State-level Athletic Meet 2023-24 for men and women, organised by VTU Regional Centre, Mysuru, at Chamundi Vihar Stadium, she urged the students not to get diverted from their focus in both sports and education which would affect their growth in their fields of interest.

Stating that sports had grown to become a huge industry, Ashwini Nachappa called upon the students not to forget friendship and integrity and also to respect their coaches and parents during their journey towards success.

VTU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Finance Officer M.A. Sapna, VTU Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. T.N. Sreenivasa, Registrar Prof. B.E. Rangaswamy, Department of Physical Education Director Dr. P.V. Kadagadkai, Executive Council Members G. Rakesh, Dr. M.S. Shivakumar, Dr. Krishnegowda and Dr. Dilip Kumar, VTU Mysuru Regional Director and Organising Chairman Dr. T.P. Renuka Murthy, Organising Secretaries Dr. M.P. Prasanna Kumar and G.L. Raghunath and others were present.

Earlier, Ashwini Nachappa was accorded a grand welcome and taken to the venue in an open jeep. On her arrival, she also hoisted the flag of VTU Sports Meet before inaugurating the event by releasing the balloons.

Third edition of KSCA Maharaja Trophy T20 Tournament from Aug. 15

Bengaluru, June 26 (VNS)- The third edition of Maharaja Trophy T20 Cricket Tournament, conducted by Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), will be held between Aug. 15 and Sept. 1 at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

Legendary Cricketer E.A.S. Prasanna unveiled the trophy in the presence of KSCA Hon. President Raghuram Bhat, Vice-President and Maharaja Trophy Commissioner B.K. Sampath Kumar, KSCA Joint Secretary Shavir Tharapore.

The tournament will see the defending champions, Hubli Tigers and last year's runners-up Mysuru Warriors battling it out alongside the Gulbarga Mystics, Bengaluru Blasters, Mangaluru Dragons Shivamogga Lions.

Maharaja Trophy will feature Karnataka's finest players including Mayank Agarwal, Devdutt Padikkal, Manish Pandey, Vyshakh Vijaykumar, Krishnappa Gowtham and Vidwath Kaverappa. Continuing the format introduced last year, the tournament will held in the franchise-based model for the 2024 season. To ensure continuity, franchises will be granted the opportunity to retain players from their previous squad. Following the retentions, a player auction will be held ahead of the competition featuring a pool of over 700 talented cricketers vying for a coveted spot on a Maharaja Trophy franchise.

Legendary Cricketer E.A.S. Prasanna (centre) is seen unveiling the Maharaja Trophy-2024 at an event held at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru recently. Others seen are (from left) KSCA Joint Secretary Shavir Tarapore, Hon. President Raghuram Bhat and KSCA Vice-President and Maharaja Trophy Commissioner B.K. Sampath Kumar.

Expressing his excitement ahead of the tournament, E.A.S Prasanna said, "It is wonderful to be here to unveil the Maharaja Trophy. KSCA has provided a platform for aspiring cricketers and this can be a stepping stone for them to make their way to the IPL and maybe even the Indian team. I am really looking forward to their performances."

Mysuru Warriors Team Manager M.R. Suresh, Bengaluru Blasters owner Mohan Raju, Hubli Tigers Owner Shivek Jindal, Shivamogga Lions Owner R. Kumar, Mangaluru Dragons Senior Manager Preeti Sri Jain and Gulbarga Mystics Owner Syed Mohammad Ali Hussaini, KSCA Managing Committee Members and others were present.

Live broadcast of Maharaja Trophy will be available on Star Sports 2, Star Sports Kannada and FanCode.

Say YES to life, NO to drugs

Journalist Dr. Ranganath administering the oath to the students and dignitaries during the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking programme, organised by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Bengaluru, University of Mysore (UoM), JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Dept. of Collegiate Education, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI), Pushpanjali and Agarwal Samaj Mysore, in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace, this morning. DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, UoM Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. N.K. Lokanath, NCC Group Commander Col. Rohit Takur, Higher Education Officer Arun Kumar, NCB Zonal Director S.K. Mishra, Girish of Jeevadhara Blood Bank and others were present. Picture below shows students and NCC Cadets taking the oath on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Polemic

Pronunciation: puh-LEM-ik.
Meaning: A polemic is a strong written or spoken attack against someone else's opinions, beliefs, practices, etc.
Origin: Diatribe, jeremiad, philippic ... the English language sure has a lot of formal words for the things we say or write when we are — to use a decidedly less formal term — big mad. We will refrain from going on a tirade about it, however, especially since it's good to have options with subtle differences in tone and meaning. Polemic, which traces back ultimately to the Greek word for war, polemos, is the word you want to refer specifically to an aggressive attack on someone's ideas or principles. Someone who is cheesed off because they don't like cheese, for example, wouldn't write a polemic about it. A turophile upset about the gustatory philosophy behind their local cheesemonger's recent offerings just might.
Example: "That winter of 1774-1775 could be considered the nadir of entire American patriot movement. After the closing of First Continental Congress, North Americans 'turned upon one another as never before.' The colonists had never had a single view of Britain or how to respond to the measures it was trying to impose on the American colonies. ...Strong polemics against further resistance to the British government spouted from printing presses across the colonies." —Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, The Age of Revolutions, 2024.

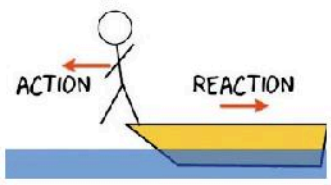
THE ODD WORD

Pachynsis

Thickening.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pay the Price



Meaning: The phrase 'Pay the Price' means to suffer the consequences of someone's actions.
Origin: Scholars found the first instance of a term with a meaning similar to the phrase 'Pay the Price' in ancient Greek text, where the word 'tinein' was used to describe punishment and defined as "to pay a price, punish, take vengeance." In Old English, the word 'worth' seen as 'weorþ' had several different meanings; among them, worthiness, merit, or price in terms of equivalent value.
Example: "Jack drank so much last night! Now he's paying the price for it."

QUOTE BOX

You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated.

—Maya Angelou

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

ECNUOB

Answer: Bounce back.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Burglar
5 Famous prizefighter and actor - "bear" anagram?
9 Mrs in Marseille
12 UP town
13 European capital
14 Muslim festival
15 Roman emperor
16 Reasoning or philosophy
18 By far
20 Unclean or filthy
21 Senses or touches
23 Move freely
25 __ out of : exhaust?
26 Serving plate
28 Short for 'this month'
32 Owner Requirements Table
33 Mine and thine
34 Air Pollution Index
35 Rock plants
37 On the sheltered side at sea
39 Alcoholic drink
40 Component
42 Urbane or chic
44 Mythical nymph
47 Tel ser. provider in New Delhi and Mumbai
48 The food for the Gods
51 Currency of Bangladesh?
54 Author of The Raven
55 Conspiracy
56 Privy to (2,2)
57 Hit for a ___ : utterly surprise or overwhelm?
58 N. England river
59 Revise copy

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	Z	A	R	■	E	R	G	O	■	G	A	S
E	I	R	E	■	D	E	E	R	■	O	N	T
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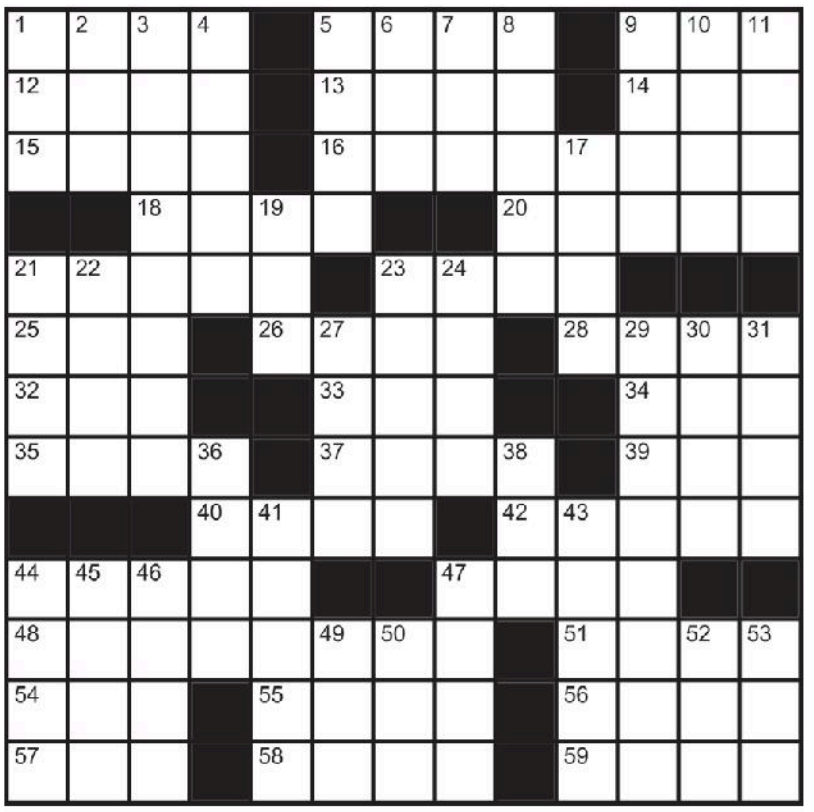
M	I	D	■	A	L	T	N	■	S	O	N	Y

DOWN

1 Have deep yearning for?
2 Estimated Time En route
3 Items of clothing
4 Malevolent spirit
5 Make ___ ends meet : live within one's income?
6 Kind of wood
7 A high priest of old
8 Musical composition
9 Golda of Israel
10 A lot of money is made here
11 Nervy
17 New Zealand bird
19 Mumbai's terminus
21 Beginning at
22 Continental coin
23 Mistake
24 Musical instrument
27 Animal noise
29 North Eastern state
30 Petty criminal
31 Fork part
36 Ship pole
38 Superlative suffix
41 Take up as one's own
43 To unfasten
44 Siestas
45 Marne mine
46 Wild goat
47 Another word for 'companion'
49 Like a fox, perhaps
50 Electrically charged particle
52 Colourful carp
53 Social insect



SUDOKU

	6	9	2	1				
			4		9	6	5	
9				6		3		7
	3						2	
1		6		7				5
	4	1	3		5			
				2	8	5	4	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	4	5	7	2	9	8	6	1
6	1	7	5	8	4	3	2	9
9	2	8	3	6	1	4	7	5
7	8	1	4	3	6	9	5	2
2	3	9	1	5	7	6	4	8
4	5	6	2	9	8	7	1	3
1	7	2	8	4	3	5	9	6
5	9	3	6	7	2	1	8	4
8	6	4	9	1	5	2	3	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CGFK JUKO ZE OU SWOC, DKUDXK JU GV WVQ UMC US

EUMH XGSK. EUM FMOC VKIKH FGOO CRK UDDUHCMVGCE

CU CKXX CRKOK DKUDXK RUT FMLR CRKE FKWV CU EUM.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The great danger in believing yourself especially chosen is that it becomes easy to view those who are not your people as God's especially unchosen.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
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- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
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  Guntur Kaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Maharaja (Ta) - 4 Shows
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Inside Out 2 (E-3D)	(S-1)	11 am; (S-4) 4.40 pm
Pokkiri (Ta)	(S-1)	1 pm
Hamare Baarah (H)	(S-1)	4.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Creation of the Gods 1 (Chinese)	(S-1)	10 pm
Love Li (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am, 7.10 pm
Munjya (H)	(S-2)	1.35 pm
Chandu Champion (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Nadanna Sambhavam (Ma)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
Maharaja (Ta)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm
Sambhavami Yuge Yuge (K)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Ullozhukku (Ma)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Jahangir National University (H)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Chilli Chicken (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Kotee (K)	(S-4)	1.25 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm

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Kotee (K)	(S-1)	1 pm; (S-2) 7.45 pm
	(S-4)	9.25 pm
Sambhavami Yuge Yuge (K)	(S-1)	4.05 pm
Chilli Chicken (K)	(S-1)	7.05 pm
Maharaja (Ta)	(S-1)	9.30 pm; (S-4) 6.45 pm
Desai (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Pokkiri (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Love Li (K)	(S-3)	4.20 pm, 7.10 pm; (S-4) 1.30 pm

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Inside Out 2 (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 12.15 pm, 2.35 pm, 8.05 pm
Kotee (K)	:	10 am, 12.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 10.30 pm
The Exorcism (E)	:	10.35 am, 4.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.30 am
Trisha on the Rocks (H)	:	11.40 am, 6.25 pm
Maharaja (Ta)	:	12.05 pm, 6.40 pm
Bahaddur (K)	:	12.55 pm
Munjya (H)	:	1.30 pm, 7.45 pm
Love Li (K)	:	3.10 pm
Jahangir National University (H)	:	3.15 pm, 9.45 pm
The Bikeriders (E)	:	3.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Chandu Champion (H)	:	4.55 pm, 10.25 pm
Desai (K)	:	6.30 pm
Ullozhukku (Ma)	:	6.30 pm
Nadanna Sambhavam (Ma)	:	10 pm

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Chandu Champion (H)	:	10.30 am, 4 pm
Kotee (K)	:	11.15 am, 2.45 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.30 am
Jahangir National University (H)	:	12.05 pm, 6 pm
Pokkiri (Ta)	:	12.35 pm
Inside Out 2 (E-3D)	:	1.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Chilli Chicken (K)	:	3.15 pm
Ramesh Suresh (K)	:	4 pm
Bahaddur (K)	:	6.45 pm
Sambhavami Yuge Yuge (K)	:	9.10 pm
Maharaja (Ta)	:	9.30 pm
Hamare Baarah (H)	:	10 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Maharaja (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 12.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Kotee (K)	:	11.15 am, 2.30 pm, 5.45 pm
		9 pm, 10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.35 am
Munjya (H)	:	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Chandu Champion (H)	:	1.55 pm
Thuppakki (Ta)	:	3.20 pm
Bahaddur (K)	:	5 pm
Love Li (K)	:	6.50 pm
Inside Out 2 (E-3D)	:	8.15 pm
The Exorcism (E)	:	10.30 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Love Li (K)	:	10.05 am, 4.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.15 am
Kotee (K)	:	10.20 am, 1.35 pm, 4.20 pm
	:	7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Ishq Vishk Rebound (H)	:	10.55 am, 4.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Ramesh Suresh (K)	:	11.20 am
Maharaja (Ta)	:	1.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Sambhavami Yuge Yuge (K)	:	1.20 pm
Desai (K)	:	2.05 pm
Aarata (K)	:	5.05 pm
Chilli Chicken (K)	:	7.45 pm
Chef Chidambara (K)	:	7.50 pm
Inside Out 2 (E-3D)	:	7.55 pm
Nadanna Sambhavam (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Karnataka State U-09 State Chess Championship 2024

Rajeswari Aiyappan of Mysuru, Ayaan Phutane of B'luru bag titles

Rajeswari Aiyappan** (front row - third from left), **studying in Amrita Vidyalayam, Bogadi, Mysuru, who emerged Champion in the Karnataka State U-09 Girls Chess Championship held in Mysuru recently, is seen with other prize winners and guests during prize distribution ceremony. Picture right shows top three players in the boys category.

Mysuru, June 26- The Karnataka State Under-09 Open and Girls Chess Championship concluded at Mysore Chess Centre at Friends Sports Zone, K.C. Layout, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, recently.

Ayaan Phutane of Bengaluru Urban drew with S. Sragvidha of Bengaluru Urban to clinch the title with 7-and-a-half points. **S. Sragvidha** secured 2nd place with a better tie break when compared to Dhruv K. Dileep of Bengaluru Urban who tied with 7-and-a-half points.

Rajeswari Aiyappan of Mysuru clinched the title with 1 draw against Niyola Pinto of Shivamogga to remain undefeated in the 8 round format with a score of 7.5. **K.R. Soukhya** of Kolar came second.

Rotarian Advocate Rohit Subbaiah distributed prize for the winners. Top two players from each category will represent Karnataka in the upcoming Nationals to be held at Maharashtra from Nov. 15 to Nov. 23.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 27)

- **Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana, Mysuru:** Free Eye Screening Camp, Swami Yukteshanandaji inaugurates, Netradhama Super Speciality Eye Hospital, Gita Road, Chamaraja Mohalla, Paramahamsa Mantapa, Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle, **9 am to 2 pm.**
- **District Administration and Kannada & Culture Department:** Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations, Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji graces the occasion, CM Siddaramaiah and Union Minister for Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy guests of honour, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Kalamandira, **10.30 am.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat and Kadali Mahila Vedike:** Mane Manege Sharaneyara Agamana, Sharane Neelambika talks on 'Shambhavidevi mattu Gangamma,' Mysore Art Gallery, #9, 12th Cross, Ramanuja Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi and Mysore Sangeetha Sabhegala Okkuta:** Compositions of Vid. Swaramurthy V.N. Rao by Vid. Manasa Nayana, **6 pm;** Compositions of Vid. Rarapally Ananthakrishna Sharma by Vid. Bellary. M. Raghavendra, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm.**

Community Wedding...

ABS Syed Abbas, Managing Director, ABS Comforts (Pvt.) Ltd., celebrated his daughter Syeda Hajeera's wedding with Syed Sagheer Ahmed of Bengaluru on Sunday at Dasara Exhibition Grounds in Mysuru. More than 10,000 invitees attended the marriage ceremony including District In-charge and Social Welfare Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who blessed the couple. Bride's father Syed Abbas, bridegroom Syed Sagheer Ahmed and others are seen on the occasion.

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